

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2577, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3003–S3037

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2952–2964, and S. Con. Res. 38–39. **Page S3030–31**

Measures Reported:

S. 2955, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. (S. Rept. No. 114–258)

S. 2956, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. (S. Rept. No. 114–259)

S. Res. 469, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, a seminal moment in the journey of Ireland to independence.

S. 2942, to extend certain privileges and immunities to the Gulf Cooperation Council. **Page S3030**

Measures Passed:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: By 89 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 82), Senate passed H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Collins (for Blunt) Amendment No. 3946 (to Amendment No. 3900), to require the periodic submission of spending plan updates to the Committee on Appropriations. **Pages S3004, S3007**

By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 77), McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896), Zika response and preparedness. **Pages S3007–08**

By 87 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 80), Collins Amendment No. 3970 (to Amendment No. 3896), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out a final rule and notice of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S3015–17**

Collins (for Rubio) Amendment No. 4050 (to Amendment No. 3896), to make temporary relocation assistance available for tenants in project-based section 8 properties with imminent health and safety risks. **Pages S3017–18**

Collins (for Baldwin) Modified Amendment No. 4026 (to Amendment No. 3896), to prohibit certain health care providers from providing non-Department health care services to veterans. **Pages S3017–18**

Collins Amendment No. 3896, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3004–18**

Rejected:

McConnell (for Lee) Amendment No. 3897 (to Amendment No. 3896), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out a rule and notice of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. (By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 81), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3004, S3005–06, S3017**

Withdrawn:

McConnell (for Nelson/Rubio) Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3896), making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2016 to respond to Zika virus. **Page S3004**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3899 (to Amendment No. 3896), making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. **Page S3004**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 70 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 76), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions with respect to McConnell (for Blunt) Modified Amendment No. 3900 (to Amendment No. 3896)

(listed above). Subsequently, the point of order against all of the emergency designations contained in the amendment was not sustained.

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By 88 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 78), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Collins Amendment No. 3896 (listed above).

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By 84 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 79), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions with respect to McCain/Blumenthal Amendment No. 4039 (to Amendment No. 3896), to extend and expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to establish consistent criteria and standards relating to the use of amounts under the Medical Community Care account of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Subsequently, the point of order against the emergency designation found on page 3, lines 7 through 12, of the amendment was not sustained.

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Chair sustained a point of order that McCain/Blumenthal Amendment No. 4039 (to Amendment No. 3896) (listed above), was not germane, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be withdrawn.

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100th Anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising: Senate agreed to S. Res. 469, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, a seminal moment in the journey of Ireland to independence.

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Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, May 23, 2016, Senate begin consideration of S. 2613, to reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, and that there be one hour of debate, equally divided in the usual form; provided further, that the Grassley amendment be agreed to, the committee-reported substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of S. 2613, as amended, with no intervening action or debate.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ysaye M. Barnwell, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2022.

Rena Bitter, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic.

Anne S. Casper, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Greece.

Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—82) **Pages S3007–09, S3017–18**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:21 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3036.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM CREDIT SYSTEM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Farm Credit System, focusing on the outlook of the current economic climate, after receiving testimony from Kenneth A. Spearman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Dallas P. Tonsager, and Jeff Hall, both a Board Member, all of the Farm Credit Administration; Gus Barker, Community Bank of Oelwein, Oelwein, Iowa, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Doug Stark, Farm Credit Services of America/Frontier Farm Credit, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of the Farm Credit System; Jed Welder, Trinity Farms, Greenville, Michigan; and Leonard Wolfe, United Bank and Trust, Marysville, Kansas, on behalf of the American Bankers Association.